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## P R E F A C E.

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THIS volume comprises the record of fourteen meetings of the Society from October, 1897, to February, 1899, both inclusive. During the whole of this period the Society was occupying the rooms hired for its temporary use in the Tremont Building; and its meetings were held either in that Building, in the Library of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, or in the dwelling-house of one of its own members. Most of its books and manuscripts were deposited in a storage warehouse for safe keeping, and were inaccessible to members and to the Committee for publishing the Proceedings. Hence the communications were less numerous and varied in interest than usual, and the publication of the volume has been somewhat delayed. Among the papers which will attract most notice are Mr. McCLEARY's historical account of the Franklin Fund; Mr. HASSAM's account of the Early Suffolk Recorders; the letter of John Quincy Adams on the Graves-Cilley Duel; Mr. SCHOULER's paper on the Cuban Situation in 1825; Mr. DAVIS's search for a supposed pamphlet by Governor Hutchinson; Dr.

GREEN'S lists of Early American Imprints, and the diary of Amos Farnsworth and the extracts from the Note Book of Rev. John Fiske, communicated by him. There are also memoirs of John Amory Lowell, by CHARLES C. SMITH; of Amos A. Lawrence, by WILLIAM LAWRENCE; of Benjamin M. Watson, by EDWARD E. HALE; of Justin Winsor, by HORACE E. SCUDDER; and of George S. Hale, by ARTHUR B. ELLIS, each with a portrait.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. SMITH.

BOSTON, July 18, 1899.